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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2007, the term for response to which expires on August 17, 2007.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Claims 1-18 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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